

Lawrent Lomax, born in Lancaster.

Coat of  
Arms  
in the  
margin.

Lawrent Lomax = Mary dau. of Sir Edward  
of Eye in Suffolk Sulyard of Hawley in Suffolk.

Lawrent Lomax = Ann dau. and heir of Ounger  
of Eye in Suffolk of Debenham in Suffolk.

Lawrent Lomax; John Lomax.

The representation of the Lomax coat of arms on the frontispiece is taken from Berry's Pedigrees of Hertfordshire families, page 103, where is given the genealogy of Joshua Lomax of Childwickbury, Hertfordshire. This coat of arms is thus described: "Ermine a Greyhound, courant between three escallops, sable. Crest a demi greyhound Argent, collard Gules."

The last visitation of the heralds was made in 1683. Soon after this date the ordinances which had been made deciding who were entitled to bear arms were generally disregarded, and arms were assumed by any person who coveted this distinction.

Within a comparatively recent period, the Lomas family has assumed an independent coat of arms. In a book entitled "A complete body of Heraldry, by Joseph Edmondson, London, 1780," the name Lomax appears, but not the name Lomas. In the "British Herald, by Thomas Robson, Sunderland, 1830," and in numerous more recent works on heraldry, the Lomas coat of arms is described thus: "Argent between two palets, gules three fleurs de lis in pale sable, a chief azure. Crest, on a chapeau a pelican vulning herself proper."

The figure on the frontispiece representing the Lomas coat of arms, is copied from a drawing which I obtained in 1856 at an Office of Heraldry in London.

*Can the Lomas family be traced to the continent of Europe?*—In the hope of obtaining some further information as to the early history of the Lomas family, I have consulted the most extensive biographical dictionaries within my reach for the names Lomas and Lomax; also all the directories of cities and countries of Europe which I could find in the United States, or in those parts of Europe which I have visited; and I have also consulted all the large gazetteers that I could find in quest of places bearing either of the above names, or any name having a decided resemblance to either of them.

(A.) The following is a brief summary of the results obtained respecting the names of persons: